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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9537

INFO GOVERNOR OF GUAM

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, RP

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PHILIPPINE AIRLINES FUEL PROBLEM

REF: STATE 230034

1. PAL EXECUTIVE HAS INFORMED EMBASSY OF SERIOUS  
PROBLEM PAL ENCOUNTERING AT GUAM BECAUSE OF SEVERELY  
REDUCED AVAILABILITY OF AVIATION FUEL. WE UNDERSTAND  
PAL ALSO LIKELY TO FACE SHARP CUTBACK IN  
AVAILABILITY OF BONDED FUEL IN HONOLULU AND SAN  
FRANCISCO AS WELL AS HONG KONG AND TAIPEI. WE EXPECT  
PAL TO APPEAL TO US OFFICE OF PETROLEUM ALLOCATION  
FOR SPECIAL HARSHIP CONSIDERATION IN ORDER OBTAIN  
FAIR SHARE OF US JET FUEL RESOURCES.

2. PAL'S DIFFICULTIES IN GUAM STEM FROM LACK OF  
HISTORICAL BASIS FOR FUEL ALLOCATION. REFUELING STOP  
SHIFTED FROM WAKE TO GUAM IN MAY 1973, AND INCREASING  
USE OF STRETCH DC 8-63 AIRCRAFT WHICH ARE NOW FULLY  
LOADED WITH HOMECOMING FILIPINO TRAVELLERS HAS STEPPED  
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UP REFUELING REQUIREMENTS. PAL'S PRESIDENT TODA

STATES AIRLINE HAS BEEN CUT TWO-THIRDS BELOW PRESENT  
REQUIREMENTS FOR GUAM REFUELING.

3. DETAILED INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE ON PAL'S  
BONDED FUEL PROBLEM AT HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO,  
BUT WE ASSUME PAL HAS SUBMITTED DETAILED INFORMATION  
REQUESTED BY US CAB REGARDING QUANTITIES OF  
FUEL LOADED IN US IN 1972/73 AND SUPPLIES IT CAN COUNT  
ON FOR REST OF 1973 (REFTEL). WE UNDERSTAND PROBLEM  
LIKELY BECOME ACUTE DURING JANUARY 1974 AND ASSUME THAT  
CARRIERS WILL BE REQUESTED TO REPORT FUEL  
AVAILABILITIES FOR JANUARY AS WELL. PAL EXPECTD TO SEEK  
DOMESTIC SUPPLIES TO REPLACE REDUCED BONDED  
STOCKS.

4. PANAM MANAGER MACKENZIE HAS BEEN DISCUSSING WITH  
PAL EXECUTIVES POSSIBLE UTILIZATION OF PANAM EQUIPMENT  
UNDER WET LEASE OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT TO HELP MOVE HEAVY  
FILIPINO HOMECOMING TRAFFIC WITHIN REDUCED  
ALLOCATIONS, BUT NO DECISION YET REACHED ON SPECIFIC  
ACTIONS. BECAUSE OF PANAM'S LARGE LIFTINGS  
DURING JANUARY-OCTOBER 1973, HISTORICAL BASE ON  
WHICH GOP-ORDERED 30 PERCENT CUT IS CALCULATED,  
PANAM CURRENTLY ABLE TO LIVE WITHIN REDUCED FUEL  
ALLOCATION AT MANILA, EVEN COVERING SEVEN CHARTER FLIGHTS.

5. WILL KEEP THE DEPARTMENT ADVISED OF DEVELOPING  
FUEL SITUATION.  
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